

Burmester, Frances Doris and Ernest

Doris, discharged, Dec.20/45

Ernest, discharge recorded, Santa Rosa, Feb. 21/46

Doris Burmester

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SWEETWATER, Texas, Feb. 17.—Miss Doris Burmester, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. D. Burmester of Route 2, Petaluma, was among the class of the WASPs (Women's Airforce Service Pilots) who recently graduated at Avenger Field in snappy new government issue uniforms, complete with the Air Corps' winged insignia. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Miss Burmester is a former teacher. She began flying about two years ago, and has logged 80 hours of private flying time in addition to her WASP training. A brother, Corporal Ernest Burmester, is serving with the army. Miss Burmester was reared on the Burmester ranch near Petaluma. She has other brothers, including Conrad Burmester, operating the Burmester ranch near town.

Super-WASP

March 16

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Doris Burmester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. D. Burmester of Petaluma, graduated recently as a Super-WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. She has a record as flyer. Miss Burmester has a brother, Corporal Ernest Burmester, in the army, and other brothers, including Conrad Burmester who is operating the family ranch near town.

Frances Burmester 44

TURNER FIELD, Albany, Ga., Aug. 18. — WASP Frances D. Burmester recently reported to duty at the AAF pilot school at Turner Field, Col. J. B. Patrick, commanding officer, announced today.

Miss Burmester, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burmester of Petaluma, Calif., was graduated from Petaluma high school in 1934 and received her B. A. degree at the University of California in 1939. Before joining the WASP, she was a high school teacher.

Turner Field, an army air forces pilot school, (advanced 2-engine), is one of a group of training fields which compose the army air forces eastern flying training command. It is here that aviation cadets are sent for their final phase of training which culminates in their receiving their highly-coveted silver wings and commissions in the U. S. army air forces.

Frances Burmester

Aug 25 44
Miss Frances D. Burmester of Petaluma, who entered the WASP (Women's Army Service Pilots) has 70 hours of cub flying to her credit in a B-25 Billy Mitchell bomber at Turner Field, Georgia. Following her graduation from the Petaluma high school and the University of California, where she received a B. A. degree in 1939, she became a high school teacher. Miss Burmester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. D. Burmester of Route 2, Box 6.

Flying In Georgia



"Everything's jake," WASP Frances D. Burmester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burmester, Route 2, Box 6, Petaluma, signals as she gets set to take off in her B-26 Billy Mitchell bomber at Turner Field, Georgia. Miss Burmester, who entered the WASP (Women's Army Service Pilots) with 70 hours of cub flying to her credit, was a high school teacher before joining the flying service. She is a graduate of Petaluma high school, 1934, and received a B. A. degree at the University of California, 1939.

Petaluma Girl Leaves Army Service

Dec 20-44

FORT SUMNER ARMY AIR FIELD, N. M., Dec. 20.—In conjunction with the official deactivation of the Women's Airforce Service Pilot program, Miss Doris Burmester, WASP, of Petaluma, Calif., will be honorably discharged today, it was announced by Col. Fred Feasel, commanding officer here.

Miss Burmester, who entered the service as a WASP trainee in August, 1943, served at George Field, Ill., Turner Field, Albany, Ga., and Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., before her assignment here.

The WASP program, which was begun in September, 1942, is being discontinued because it is estimated that there are now enough male pilots to fill all AAF flying assignments. In two years of operation, WASPS, as a group, flew 500,000 hours on a dozen different types of aerial assignments.

Miss Burmester has flown as an engineering test pilot.

F. DORIS BURMESTER, PETALUMA GIRL AVIATOR WHO SERVED IN THE WAR, BECOMES A BRIDE

1/4/46

Frances Doris Burmester, Petaluma girl aviator, who served with the WASPS during the recent World war, was quietly married to Alan Hart Nathan of New York in New York City on December 31.

Announcements of the marriage of their daughter were issued this week by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frederick Burmester of the Western avenue extension, to friends who were interested and surprised.

The wedding was marked with simplicity, only the parents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burmeister, brother and sister-in-law of the bride of Lansing, Michigan, present, to witness the rites. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The romance of the attractive girl and Mr. Nathan began when Doris who left here some time ago to visit friends in Kalamazoo, Mich., was prevailed upon to assist in office work to accommodate the friend with whom she was visiting. She later became manager of the establishment and it was while filling the position that she met Mr. Nathan and their friendship climaxed in the New York marriage.

The new Mrs. Nathan is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burmester and sister of Mrs. Theodore Wakeman, of Berkeley; Mollie Burmester, who is now teaching in San Mateo; Carl Burmester, of Los Angeles; Ernest Burmester, who is in the army stationed in Wyoming; Conrad Burmester, manager of a hatchery in Portland, Oregon; Ben, who is filling a government position in Lansing, Michigan; and Eobert who is with the U.

S. army of occupation in Germany.

The bride, who was reared on the Burmester ranch near town, following her graduation from the Petaluma high school entered the University of California where she received a B. A. degree in 1939. Later she taught in union high schools in northern California. It was not long after war was declared that she decided to give up teaching and join the service. In 1943 she served at George Field, Ill., later at Turner Field, Albany, Ga., Petersen Field, Colorado. In Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, in February 1944, with a class of WASPS (Woman's Airforce Service Pilots) she was graduated wearing a snappy new government issued uniform complete with the air corps winged insignia.

She began flying in Quincy, California, before the war started and had 80 hours of flying time in addition to her WASP training which culminated in receiving the highly coveted silver wings and commission in the U. S. army air corps.

Doris has flown as an engineering test pilot, making a fine record. She is perfectly at home in a plane and some time ago with a party of aviator friends, purchased a private plane to keep up her flying.

The bride's family is prominent here where her father is a prosperous rancher.

The bride's parents resided in New York and it was for the purpose of having them present that the couple flew there for the wedding.

Mr. Nathan is employed by the government in research work at Kalamazoo, Mich. and has a doctor's degree in research work.